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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CREATION OF UN INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA

REF: BRUSSELS 6647

1. WHEN HE VISITED WASHINGTON MARCH 22, 1974, UN COMMIS-
SIONER FOR NAMIBIA SEAN MC BRIDE TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
IN GENERAL TERMS OF HIS PLANS TO ESTABLISH INSTITUTE IN
LUSAKA TO DO RESEARCH ON NAMIBIA AND TO TRAIN NAMIBIANS
IN GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION IN ANTICIPATION OF EVEN-
TUAL DAY SOUTH AFRICA WITHDRAWS FROM TERRITORY. DEPART-
MENT OFFICERS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROJECT AND SAID THEY
WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE OFFICIALS US POSITION ON INSTITUTE
ONLY AFTER MCBRIDE PRESENTED MORE DETAILED PLANS. MCBRIDE
HAS NOT PROVIDED PLAN AND WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT TO
GIVE FINANCIAL OR OTHER SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH HE REPORTEDLY
CLAIMED US SUPPORT FOR INSTITUTE IN RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE

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IN DAR ES SALAAM.

2. ON MARCH 21 US PLEDGED \$50,000 TO UN FUND FOR NAMIBIA WHICH PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIAN REFUGEES. MCBRIDE MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THIS PLEDGE IN HIS COMMENTS IN TANZANIA.

3. YOU MAY INFORM GOB THAT US IS INTERESTED IN PROPOSED INSTITUTE, THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INSTITUTE'S OBJECTIVES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTED COSTS, AND THAT WHILE WE HAVE MADE \$50,000 PLEDGE TO NAMIBIA FUND, WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT TO INSTITUTE.

4. REQUEST YOU FOLLOW BELGIAN POLICY TOWARD INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA AND REPORT ANY CHANGES. INGERSOLL

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